

**County Council Meeting**  
**May 20, 2014**

**Present:** Joe Guinto, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti. Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Auditor Jane Lynam

**Absent:** Attorney Eric Ayer

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Transfers**

**Highway Department                      \$6,500.**

Decrease 1176-002-2371.00 Rental of equipment    \$3,500.

Decrease 1176-002-2991.00 Contractual Services    \$3,000.

Increase 1176-001-1441.00 Office Equipment        \$6,500.

Chuck Painter made the request and David Gogel was present and spoke to the Council. Gogel explained that the server at the county garage was 9 ½ years old and needed to be replaced.

Spaetti made a motion to approve the transfer by decreasing rental of equipment and contractual service and increasing office equipment. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel explained that the Commissioners had made a motion to recommend to the Council to move some employees out of the county general budget to the 911 fund. Gogel said he was in the process of finding out how many to move and the cost. Kroeger said we could put this on next month's agenda; and we need to see if we can move insurance, social security, etc. into that budget also. Winsett said he thought the Commissioner's Attorney and the Council's Attorney should get together to make sure we are handling this correctly.

Kroeger said before budget time we need to look at other departments that are paying insurance to see if we're close on those numbers.

**Spencer County Hospice**

Linda Sturgeon, Administrative Director of Hospice, presented information to the Council.

Sturgeon explained that Hospice is a non-profit organization; they provide service regardless of ability to pay. There are 10 other hospice organizations, who serve this area, but they are for profit and they do not take clients who can't afford to pay. Our medications have gotten so expensive; it is getting hard for us to keep up. We do fund raisers and accept donations, but our funding is coming up a little short. That is the reason we are asking for this one time donation of \$5,000. We are asking for the donation to help the residents of Spencer County only.

Bunner said the \$5,000 can help right now, but what about the future, have you looked at a comparative income statement to see if you have a reduction in possible donations from year to year or how does that look. Sturgeon replied that the donations are down some, but we made good money on our fundraiser last year. We had planned to do the fundraiser again, but the price of meat has increased so much we don't stand to make very much profit this year.

Sturgeon said they will continue to brainstorm for different ideas to raise money.

Kroeger explained that there are many organizations that we could donate to but we have to be careful, it is not a normal procedure for a county government to give money to a non-profit organization.

Kress said he was all for helping them out, but he asked if they could go ahead with the fund raiser and if they needed help later we would consider the donation at a later date.

**Legal Report**

Ordinance 2014-08 an amendment to the 2014 Salary Ordinance for the Health Department, a part time position payable at the rate of \$9.50 per hour.

Kress made a motion to approve. Knepper seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Ordinance 2014-09 an amendment to the 2014 Salary Ordinance for CASA in the amount of \$16.73 per director, per hour.

Spaetti made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

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Ordinance 2014-10 an amendment to the 2014 Salary Ordinance for Child Support Office, a part time position payable at the rate of \$9.50 per hour.

Bunner made a motion to approve. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Kroeger said we needed to include this part time position in Child Support in our annual appropriations list that we do in January since it is carried in their budget.

**New Business**

Kroeger said he wanted to report that we had our exit conference last week; we got a clean audit. Kroeger also reported that along with Auditor Lynam, and Attorney Lindsey he had listened to a Webinar on fraud. During the exit conference he questioned the State Board of Accounts and they assured us that everything was good; they do a very thorough job.

**Old Business**

Spaetti reported that he attended the Open House held by The Way and they had a very nice turnout. He was shown through the facility and learned about the services provided at the new facility.

Gogel explained that we are applying for a grant through Region 15 to get the old jail torn down. In August hopefully we will be done with the cleanup at Troy and be able to sell that property and get it back on the tax roll. Gogel said the 231 property will be demolished the last part of June after some training exercises that have been scheduled are completed.

Guinto made a motion to adjourn. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

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